

**OROVILLE FACILITIES RELICENSING
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
PROJECT NO. 2100**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES WORK GROUP
JANUARY 2004 UPDATE**

This update of activities conducted during January is provided in lieu of the January 2004 Cultural Resources Work Group meeting.

The next CRWG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2004, and will be held at Mooretown Rancheria - Administrative Offices, 1 Alverda Drive, Oroville.

Study Plan C-1 Update

The final public version of the Ethnographic Inventory Report was completed and initial copies were distributed to the Maidu Advisory Council during the last week of the month. Copies will be provided to CRWG participants, the Tribal Councils and various State and federal agencies during the first half of February.

Revisions to the confidential and public versions of the Archaeological Inventory Report and the confidential Ethnographic Inventory Report are underway.

Study Plan C-2 Update

The historic-era site evaluation program continued to focus on the gold-mining site in Spring Valley Gulch and at sites along the North Fork in the Big Bend area. A representative from the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu assisted in the Spring Valley Gulch effort to ensure that Native American artifacts in the area were left undisturbed. Extensive field work efforts were greatly reduced in late January to begin analysis of the Spring Valley Gulch and Potters Ravine sites. Sonoma State University will present a slide show of the field work and preliminary findings at the February 2004 CRWG meeting.

Evaluation of the hydroelectric facility was in full swing during the month of January. Evaluation of ethnographic sites and historic structures also continued.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

The Maidu Advisory Council met on January 27, 2004. The group made some final revisions to the Statement of Purpose for the Council, though the Statement was also recognized as a living document that could be modified over time to meet the needs of the Council. A resource action for Stringtown Mountain was reviewed and finalized. The MAC requested that Janis Offermann submit the finalized resource action to DWR management for consideration in the relicensing effort. As noted above, the public version of the Ethnographic Inventory Report was distributed to the Council. Brandy Doering of the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu reported on her experience as a consultant during ongoing evaluation fieldwork of historic-era sites. There was also discussion about how to broaden the involvement of other Maidu community members in the monitoring of the historic-era site evaluations.

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2004.